

21. A three-layer, air-permeable, flat-shaped laminate having stretchability and restoration properties and consisting of:

two outer layers made of a porous material selected from the group consisting of fibrous and filamentous batting; and

a rubbery elastic inner layer disposed between and adherent to said two outer layers;

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23. The laminate according to claim 22, wherein said parallel strips are disposed along a path which is selected from the group consisting of straight and meandering.

24. The laminate according to claim 21, wherein said adhesive strands run in zig-zag or sinusoid curves and wherein each adjacent pair of strands have vertices which touch or overlap in a mirror symmetric configuration, forming a waffle-like configuration.

25. The laminate according to claim 24, wherein the porous material comprises polyolefins.

ADDITIONAL FEE:

Please charge any insufficiency of fee, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 50-0427.

R E M A R K S

The Office Action issued October 16, 2002 has been received and its contents have been carefully considered.